है ताकि कार्यक्रम को अधिक प्रभावी ढंग से कार्यान्वित किया जा सके । संबंधित केन्द्रीय नोडल मंत्रालयों के साथ बैठकों का आयोजन किया जाता है और मंत्रालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी संबंधित राज्यों का दौरा करते हैं ताकि कार्यक्रम को अधिक प्रभावी ढंग से लागू किया जा सके ।

इस वर्ष, इस मंत्रालय में पहली बार एक कृत्तिक दल का गठन किया ताकि यह दल बोध सूत्री कार्यक्रम के शीघ्र कार्यान्वयन के लिए समस्याओं का पता लगाकर और उनके समाधान के लिए सुझाव देकर गहन समीक्षा कर सके । कृत्तिक दल ने केन्द्रीय नोडल मंत्रालयों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ विस्तृत विचार-विमर्श भी किया । कृत्तिक दल की रिपोर्ट केन्द्रीय नोडल मंत्रालयों और राज्य सरकारों के बीच मार्च, 89 में परिचालित की गई थी ताकि उस पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई की जा सके ।

Targets of arms exports

213. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 161 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1989 and state;

(a) what are the targets of arms export fixed by Government for 1989-90; and

(b) whether Government propose to acquire sophisticated technology for arms manufacture so as to be able to stand in competitive international arms market, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Government have not fixed any targets for arms exports for the year 1989-90. Defence Public Sector Undertakings, however, fixed their own export targets.

(b) There is no proposal with the Government to acquire technology for arms manufacture for being competitive in international arms market.

Manufacture of low cost computer

214. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 100 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th Februray, 1989 and state:

(a) whether 80 proposals for designing the low cost computers have been received by Government; and

(b if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken and what would be the capacity for production of low cost computers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government has received 80 proposals from various manufacturers for the production of low cost computers against preliminary enquiry floated by Department of Electronics. Out of these, 40 are composite proposals involving production of all the sub-systems of personal computers. However, these proposals are not for designing the low cost personal computer.

(b) On the basis of the information provided in the said proposals, a detailed plan for the standardisation of design and centralised procurement of material etc. for the production of such computers is being worked out.

Meeting of the Indo-Chinese sub-Committee on Science and Technology

215. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be (pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the first meeting of the Indo-Chinese Sub-Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation concluded in New Delhi on 1st April, 1989;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

The First Meeting of the India-China Sub-Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation was held in New Delhi on March 30-31, 1989, when discussions were held on bilate. ral cooperation in Science and Technology between the two countries.

A number of areas of common interest, including, agriculture, biotechnology, medicine, lasers, electronics, waste water treatment, low cost sanitation, radio astronomy etc. were identified for bilateral cooperation, This would be affected through (a) the study visits of working scientists to explore the scope of cooperation and identifying themes of common interest, (b) holding of joint workshops with similar objectives, and (c) formulating joint proposals for further implementation.

Damage done by the Computer Virus

216. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be Phased to state;

(a) whether about 20 city-based companies, including a foreign bank, have been paralysed by computer virus;

(b) whether experts have expressed the opinion that if the things are allowed to drift, this virus could damage the hardware which are expensive and difficult to replace; and

(c) if so, whether Government hav conducted any enquiry about the reasons for computer virus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN); (a) Reports of "Computer Virus in Vishakapatnam, Bombay, Delhi etc, had appeared in newspapers. No speciflc instances of this have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Department of Elec tronics has set up an Expert Committee to make a detailed study of the cases of Computer viruses reported from time to time, possible reasons for spreading of such viruses and suggest remedial measures.

217. *[Transferred to the 3rd May,* 1989]

Export of domestic electronic out-put

218. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended that 30 per cent of the total domestic electronic output should be exported during the 8th Five Year Plan and has also proposed far-reaching policy changes for achieving this objetive; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.